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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner, which includes information cited and discussed in the International Search Report issued in connection with counterpart International Application No. PCT/JP2003/014097. Copies of the International Search Report (in English and Japanese) were enclosed with the papers when entering the National Stage on May 4, 2006. The Examiner is invited to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein.

- (1) JP 62-090908 A, along with an English language abstract thereof;
- (2) JP 2000-345217, along with an English language translation thereof.

Copies of the above-noted documents, are enclosed together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1), this Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three months of the filing date of the application. Accordingly, no fees are required.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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